Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has it not caused great inconvenience to the students having had to go to school without text-books?

Mr. I. N. Menon—There was some amount of inconvenience. There is a slight fault in the answer given. The school did not really re-open on the 17th because of some special holidays in connection with the memory of the demise of His Highness the late Maharaja. So they did not re-open actually on the 17th as these holidays intervened. Still there was some inconvenience felt.

Approving of text-books for schools.

122. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that certain books were prescribed as text-books in schools by the Government subject to their revision by the authors or publishers;

(b) if so, whether the revised books were submitted for approval of, and approved by, the authorities concerned either before or after they were published?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No; the authors or publishers of five books were asked only to attend to the remarks noted against their books. The remarks were not such as to necessitate any revision.

(b) No answer is required in view of the answer to sub-division (a) above.

Enhancement of Anchal rates and Hundi Commissions.

123. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reasons for enhancing the Anchal rates and Hundi commission from 1108;

(b) what is the excess income anticipated by the enhancement of the rates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) To increase the State revenue.

(b) About Rs. 5,000 a year.

Admission of Cochinite and non-Cochinite students in the Maharaja's College.

124. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to give a list showing the number of:—

(a) applicants for admission to the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, this year;

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